GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NGO GETTING FOREIGN FUNDS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the name of Non-Governmental Organisations which received foreign funds during each of the last three years and as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether some NGOs have been found to be indulged in misusing these foreign funds for illegal, anti-national and religious activities during this period;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government against them, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government have inspected the accounts of the NGOs found violating the provision of foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 1976;

(e) if so, the details in this regard alongwith the number of such NGOswhose accounts have been scrutinized are being scrutinized, State-wise; and

(f) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against them, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): The details are contained in the Annual Reports on the `Receipt of Foreign Contributionby Voluntary Associations` brought out by the Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Divisions).Copies of the Annual Reports upto the year 1999-2000 are available in the Parliament Library. The data for the year 2000-2001 is under compilation.

(b) & (c): Reports about the misutilisation of foreign contribution by voluntary associations, whenever received, are enquired into and action taken against the concerned associations under the relevant provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976. The action includes, prohibiting the association from accepting any foreign contribution, freezing of its bank accounts and prosecuting it in a court of law.

(d), (e) & (f): The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 empowers theCentral Government, if it has any ground to suspect that any provisions of the Act has been or is being contravened by any association, to order an inspection of the accounts and records of that association. This is an ongoing process.